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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

10 JOHN GREYSTOKE,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 CLALLAM COUNTY CORRECTIONS  
14 FACILITY,

15 Respondent.

CASE NO. 3:17-cv-05529-RBL-JRC

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
TELECONFERENCE

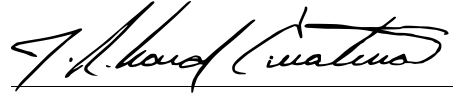
16 The District Court has referred this petition for a writ of habeas corpus to United States  
17 Magistrate Judge, J. Richard Creatura. The authority for the referral is 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A)  
18 and (B), and local Magistrate Judge Rules MJR3 and MJR4. Petitioner seeks relief from a state  
19 conviction, thus, the petition is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

20 Before the Court is petitioner John Greystoke's motion for a teleconference. Dkt. 13. He  
21 appears to ask the Court to hear the grounds for his habeas petition on the merits. *Id.* at 3. The  
22 Court has not yet screened petitioner's habeas petition and therefore has not yet served it on  
23 respondent. Thus, respondent has not appeared or responded to the petition. Because of this, a  
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1 | teleconference or other hearing is not warranted at this time. Rules Governing Habeas Corpus  
2 | Cases Under Section 2254, Rule 8(a).

3 |       Therefore, the Court denies the motion for a teleconference (Dkt. 13) without prejudice.  
4 | Petitioner may refile the motion if he believes a telephonic hearing is later warranted.

5 |       Dated this 2nd day of November, 2017.

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7 | J. Richard Creatura  
8 | United States Magistrate Judge  
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